

No Smoking on Airplanes Legislation of 1987

As Congressman, Senator Durbin co-authored the original legislation, which passed the House of Representatives, to ban smoking on short-distance airline flights. He worked with Senator Frank Lautenberg to enact the ban, extending it to all flights. The legislation increased funding for tobacco prevention programs, banned smoking in federal buildings that housed schools and child care centers nationwide, and held the tobacco industry accountable for decades of deception about the dangers of smoking as well as the tactics luring children to smoke.

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